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SENATOR BRUNING: Senator,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that your belief?

SENATOR BRUNING: ...the Natural Resources Committee was told that, by Williams, to my recollection, that they could get the 85 octane here. Now, whether they were the group to refine it or whether they were the transport I'm not certain.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you were the one who brought up this idea of big oil and so I just want to pursue it since you brought it up. Are you aware that passage of this bill would put you and those who support this bill right under the control of big oil who will refine this "suboctane" fuel? Are you aware of that?

SENATOR BRUNING: Big oil may be lightly aligned on the side of passage of this bill, but they are heavily aligned on the side of derailing this bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm talking about you and I, who are senators here, you and me. Do you realize you will be aligned with big oil because you will give them a corner on the market for this "suboctane" fuel? Ethanol...farmers are not going to have anything to do with producing this "suboctane" fuel. Let me ask you a different question. Are you aware that farmers are not going to get more for their corn based on the price of ethanol at the pump? Are you aware of that, or do you think that, as the price of ethanol rises at the pump, farmers who produce corn will get more for their corn?

SENATOR BRUNING: I think as you increase the market for corn the price for corn will go up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you...here's what I'm asking you, because that's a general answer. In the context of our discussion, because you injected yourself and compared it to tobacco being produced down South, as the price of ethanol rises at the pump is it your belief that farmers are going to get more for their corn, the farmers who produce the corn? Are they going to get more for their corn?